Artist-alumnus Namiko Chan ’97 with Uma, her gift to the Law School
It is about time we had a comprehensive alumni magazine. It is about time, too, for stronger alumni relations. Our Law School boasts a rich tradition leading back to pre-independence Singapore. Our alumni fill the ranks of government, the private sector, the arts community and almost every other niche of professional life in Singapore. It is perhaps because we are the only law school in the country that we omit to identify more strongly with it. Thus, we often take for granted the fact that we, the alumni of the NUS Law School, are omnipresent in the country.

For a school of our size, we can certainly strive for a more intense and vibrant relationship with our graduates. We in the Law School, will endeavour to reach out more to our alumni and to appeal to your sense of pride for and identification with this institution. Be it alumni who graduated from Bukit Timah or Kent Ridge, we want to strengthen our links with you and we welcome your support for us in any way.

LAWLINK\(\textsuperscript{\textregistered}\) represents a step in our efforts to nurture stronger alumni relations. The name for this publication was chosen to signify our desire to maintain and reinforce our ties with you. 13 Law Link is also the physical location of the Law School within the Kent Ridge campus. We aim to build on the good work of Just Inn, our predecessor publication. LAWLINK’s objective is to keep you, our alumni, updated on developments in the Law School as well as on your fellow alumni.

For our inaugural issue, we feature a young alumnus who is an exceptionally talented artist training in New York City. Chan Namiko Takahashi ‘97 recently staged her first solo exhibition in Singapore with the help of many of her Law School classmates. Namiko and her friends exemplify the Law School spirit which LAWLINK\(\textsuperscript{\textregistered}\) seeks to embody. LAWLINK\(\textsuperscript{\textregistered}\) is proud to announce that Namiko has donated one of her works – Uma – to the Law School in honour of her teachers. In addition, the Law School has purchased another of Namiko’s paintings – Untitled 4 – to be dedicated in memory of two colleagues who passed away in recent years, Ricardo Almeida and Peter English.

We are also inspired by our students and alumni who continue to go beyond the law to engage in community and public interest work. In this issue, we profile an alumnus who is heading Club Rainbow, a charity dedicated to helping children with chronic and potentially life-threatening illnesses. The graduating classes of 2002 to 2005 have also done their sterling best for charity, as evidenced by the number of community projects they have undertaken. We also feature in this issue the winning efforts of our Law School mooting teams which have charted new victories beyond the Jessup Moots.

It is our belief that the most important function of an alumni magazine is to enable alumni to reach out to each other and to the institution. Many will agree that the most cherished memories of Law School years would be the friendships that we made. In this light, the ClassAction section – arranged according to graduating class – aims to provide you with updates on your classmates. We believe that ClassAction is the anchor of LAWLINK\(\textsuperscript{\textregistered}\). That the graduating classes of the 1990s have been disproportionately featured lies in the fact that your editor came from one of those classes, and thus found it easier to solicit news. We need your support – particularly senior alumni from the earlier graduating classes as well as our postgraduate alumni – to email your news to lawlink@nus.edu.sg so that ClassAction can do justice to your respective classes!

We look forward to presenting more issues of LAWLINK\(\textsuperscript{\textregistered}\) in the future. We are counting on you – our alumni – for your support in this mutual effort to engender stronger ties of kinship with our Law School. In the meantime, we welcome comments on LAWLINK\(\textsuperscript{\textregistered}\) and feedback on how the Law School can strengthen alumni relations with you.

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Although Singapore may only have one law school, it is very evident to us that we must be globally competitive vis-à-vis other top law schools in the world. All good law schools compete to attract the best students and funding for their programmes. At the same time, to be globally competitive, law schools must forge partnerships with other law schools, whether for student and staff exchanges, or to collaborate on projects. To continue to be globally competitive, the Law School will, in addition to reforming our curriculum, seek to increase our endowment. Many top law schools have endowments running into the tens of millions, if not the hundreds. Our endowment is still very small by comparison. A larger endowment will allow us to offer scholarships to able students, particularly those from the region, to build a future alumni base that has a more global, or at least regional, reach. It will allow us to bring in more distinguished professors that will enrich teaching as well as allow us to build stronger links with other top law schools that such professors come from.

To enhance the international reputation of this Law School, strategic partnerships play an important role. The Law School currently has a joint LL.M programme in commercial law with the University of Nottingham. We are currently considering setting up a World Trade Law Academy in conjunction with George Washington University School of Law. We are also exploring a capacity building project in Vietnam with Columbia and Harvard Law Schools. These strategic partnerships will enable the NUS Law School to play a more influential role in the international legal community without diminishing our role to the Singapore legal community.

I was most delighted recently to welcome a very distinguished jurist to our alumni. He is none other than the Honourable the Chief Justice Yong Pung How who was conferred an Honorary Doctor of Laws by the University on 17 September 2001. Just as we are delighted to welcome him into the NUS fold, I am confident that the Chief Justice is proud to be associated with us and we look forward to his continued support.

As the only law school in Singapore, it is important that we keep abreast of developments in the Singapore legal community. In addition to the usual channels of communication, the Law School also has a Steering Committee to provide advice and assistance to my colleagues and me. The Steering Committee is chaired by one of my distinguished predecessors as Dean, Professor Tommy Koh ’61. The other members are all distinguished members of the legal profession and our proud alumni, namely the Honourable Attorney-General Chan Sek Keong ’61, Dr Philip Pillai ’71, Mr Andrew Ang ’71, Mr Davinder Singh, SC ’82, Mr VK Rajah, SC ’82 and Mr K Shanmugam, SC ’84. They will help the Law School to continue to fulfil its primary mission of training lawyers for the legal profession.

Let me wish all our alumni and friends the very best in the year ahead. I hope that all of us will have reason for optimism and good cheer.
At the NUS’s Commencement ceremonies in September 2001, an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on The Honourable the Chief Justice Yong Pung How. Chief Justice Yong received his Honorary Degree from Pro-Chancellor Ridzwan bin Haji Dzafir.

Chief Justice Yong was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Singapore on 28 September 1990. During his office, Yong CJ introduced sweeping reforms and innovative measures that have improved the administration of justice and the standard of service provided by the judiciary. For instance, Yong CJ was responsible for the introduction of case management which cleared the backlog of cases and reduced the waiting time for the disposal of cases in the Singapore courts. Equally successful has been the drive to harness modern technology in the workplace. The award of the honorary degree is thus in recognition of Yong CJ’s outstanding contribution to the judiciary and the judicial system in Singapore.

Yong CJ was born on 11 April 1926 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He received his formal education at Victoria Institution, Kuala Lumpur and went on to read law at Downing College, Cambridge University. In 1951, he qualified as a barrister-at-law of the Inner Temple. After being called to the Malayan Bar, Yong CJ began his legal career in Kuala Lumpur with Messrs Shook Lin & Bok, a firm of which his father had been a founder member. In 1964, Yong CJ was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of Singapore. He set up the Singapore branch of Messrs Shook Lin & Bok and continued with his professional work in Singapore.

Notwithstanding his busy legal practice, Yong CJ found time to engage in politics and accepted a variety of public appointments. He was a leading member of the Malayan Chinese Association (MCA) from 1956 to 1959, and a member of the Alliance Party’s National Executive Committee. He withdrew from politics in 1959. He assumed the roles of Chairman of Malayan Airways (later re-named Malaysia-Singapore Airlines) from 1964 to 1969 and Deputy Chairman of Malayan Banking Berhad from 1966 to 1971. In 1971, Yong CJ retired from legal practice and began his career in the finance and business world. In 1983, he became the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Ltd (the OCBC Bank).

During this time, the Singapore government also tapped his experience and expertise to reorganise its financial assets and foreign reserves. From 1972 to 1981, Yong CJ was a member of the Securities Industry Council. In 1981, he helped the Singapore Government form the Government Investment Corporation which manages the investment of the Government’s foreign reserves. The next year, he was appointed to serve concurrently as the Managing Director of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, the Deputy Chairman of the Currency Commissioners and Alternate Governor for Singapore of the International Monetary Fund. Yong CJ also served with a variety of public entities, including the Mass Rapid Transit Corporation, the Singapore Press Holdings, the Singapore Broadcasting Corporation, the Institute of Policy Studies as well as the Singapore Symphony Orchestra.

On 1 July 1989, Yong CJ came full circle in his career. After nearly two decades away from the law, he was persuaded to return to the legal profession in order to serve the public as a member of the judiciary. On that date, at the age of 63, Yong CJ was appointed by the President of Singapore as a Judge of the Supreme Court. He was appointed Chief Justice on 28 September 1990. By the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore, Yong CJ, as the Chief Justice, is also the President of the Legal Service Commission and the Chairman of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights. Since 1990, he has also been the President of the Singapore Academy of Law.

With the conferment of the honorary degree by the National University of Singapore, we warmly welcome Chief Justice Yong Pung How LLD ‘01 as an alumnus of our Law School and University.
Congratulations *Class of 2001*
The 9th SCIBL was held from the 29th to 31st of August 2001. Organised by the Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS) of the Law School, the Conference belongs to a series of conferences built on the primary objective of bringing together persons in the different professions and disciplines involved in business and financial transactions to discuss and develop commercial law in Singapore. The first conference was held in 1982 with a focus on the problems of international trade finance. The second to eighth conferences were held biennially from 1984 to 1996 to address a wide variety of issues relating to international banking and finance, international investment laws, international transactions in goods and services, internationalisation of business enterprises and international commercial litigation.

The focus of the 2-day Conference in 2001 was on “Recent Developments in Financial Regulation and Capital Markets”. The Conference was followed by two half-day workshops entitled “Legal & Regulatory Framework for Telecommunications in Singapore” and “Enforcement Issues in Debt Management”. The 3-day event was attended by lawyers, in-house counsel of leading companies, officers of government bodies in Singapore as well as foreign participants from countries such as Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, the FYR of Macedonia and Switzerland. A total of 8 foreign and 17 local distinguished speakers presented a range of papers during the three days. The keynote address was delivered by the Minister of State for Law & Home Affairs, Assoc. Prof. Ho Peng Kee ’79.

At the two-day Conference, speakers and participants addressed recent changes to commercial practices and law triggered by technological advances and globalisation. Indeed, technological advances in the areas of computing and communications have been instrumental in changing, in a fundamental way, the nature of financial products and the way in which they are traded. Perhaps the most significant change is the disintegration of tangible representation of rights constituting fixed income and equity securities, whether it is through the process of dematerialisation or through the more territorial process of immobilisation. This process of disintegration was given description, in the Singapore context, by Asst. Prof. Angeline Lee of the NUS Law School. Such a dramatic change naturally created difficult issues in the taxation of gains from trade in financial products, particularly where the division between debt and equity products have become more diffused. Mr Michael Velten, Executive Director of Goldman Sachs (Hong Kong), discussed the tax implications of such change.

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Technological advances also spearheaded the process of globalisation. Professor John Coffee of Columbia University Law School observed that cross-listing has accelerated in the 1990s. Based on his assessment, most securities exchanges would adopt either of two approaches: towards the high disclosure, high transparency approach that has been adopted by the New York Stock Exchange and the Neuer Market or the low transparency, cost minimization approach that most European and Asian stock exchanges have traditionally followed. In essence, these approaches represent, on the one hand, the desire of dealers for low transparency and, on the other hand, the conflicting desire of issuers for trading in a “high quality” market. Professor Coffee concluded with the view that in the present market climate, there is a greater preference for trading in “high quality” markets and he remarked that it would be necessary for Asian securities markets to implement the high disclosure, high transparency approach in order to remain competitive in the global marketplace for securities trading.
The views of Professor Coffee were, in a large part, supported by the findings of Professor Bernard Black of Stanford Law School. Professor Black demonstrated that the relationship between governance behaviour of a firm and the value of that firm was statistically significant. It follows that a corporation that lists on a “high quality” market would have correspondingly high standards of corporate governance. This would in turn have a positive effect on the share value of that corporation. In the Asian context, Dr Jesus Estanislao, President of the Institute of Corporate Directors in the Philippines, agreed that effective corporate governance is critical in his lecture on reforms to corporate governance and to the financial sector in East Asia. He observed that the Asian Economic Crisis has been the impetus for change in the legal and regulatory framework of many Asian economies with emphasis on the need for effective corporate governance of Asian corporations.

On a different angle, Mr Peter Morrison, Counsellor with the Trade in Services Division of the World Trade Organisation, spoke on globalisation in the context of the liberalisation of trade in financial services with the implementation of the General Agreement on Trade in Services in 1997. The essential premise for his views is that liberalisation of trade in financial services will operate to enhance the efficiency of national economies. On that premise, he observed that much remains to be done to remove further barriers to trade in financial services and to balance liberal financial markets with prudent governmental interventions.

Technological advances and globalisation have together contributed to the breakdown of the traditional division between financial institutions and non-financial institutions, thereby leading to the gradual disintermediation in corporate fund raising activities and secondary trading. Mr Lucien Wong ‘78, Managing Partner of Messrs Allen & Gledhill, discussed consequential corporate reform of fund raising rules in Singapore. In this context, reform initiatives in Australia and in the United Kingdom were also presented, respectively, by Professor Ian Ramsay of the Faculty of Law, University of Melbourne, and by Dr Eilis Ferran of the Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge.

In addition, technological advances and globalisation have also dramatically increased the mobility of financial products. This has since generated unprecedented legal issues and has rendered governmental supervision and intervention in the international banking and financial market increasingly difficult. The Honourable Sir Lawrence Collins, Chancery Division Judge with the High Court of England and Wales, highlighted choice of law and jurisdictional issues that have arisen in recent cases and are as yet unresolved. These issues were particularly evident in the areas of evidence gathering in international securities law and the exercise of extraterritorial jurisdiction by courts in international securities fraud. Mr Andrew Ang ‘71, Senior Partner of Messrs Lee & Lee, discussed legal and regulatory issues that have arisen and would potentially arise under Singapore law in relation to bank mergers.

On the general regulatory climate, Assoc. Prof. Hans Tjo of the NUS Law School highlighted the need for Singapore regulators to adopt a disclosure-based regime in light of recent changes in the financial sector. He opined that without a culture of frankness operating, ideally, independently of fear or reward, an adverse selection problem would arise since the quality of management cannot be discerned and reputational considerations remain irrelevant. The Conference also included the invaluable input from key regulators in Singapore. Ms Juthika Ramanathan, Registrar of the Singapore Registry of Companies and Businesses, and Ms Yeo Lian Sim, Deputy Managing Director of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, discussed reform initiatives in the corporate and financial sectors of Singapore from a regulatory perspective. The implications of these reform initiatives on regulators were then discussed by Ms Margaret Chew LL.M ‘98, Partner of Messrs Allen & Gledhill. The Conference concluded with the lecture delivered by Assoc. Prof. Alexander Loke ’90 of the NUS Law School who discussed securities regulation where the Internet is used as a distributive medium. He highlighted the need for increased co-operation among states in order to ensure effective regulation, especially in dealing with extraterritorial criminal conduct.

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As with all previous conferences in this series, the collection of papers delivered at the Conference will be published by Butterworths as a book. The book is expected to be ready in February 2002. On the third day, the two Workshops were conducted focusing on the specific areas of telecommunications and debt management. The first Workshop was conducted in the morning by a panel of speakers comprising Mr Leong Keong Thai, Deputy Chief Executive of Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore, Asst. Prof. Angeline Lee of the NUS Law School, Mr Andrew Ong, Partner of Drew & Napier LLC and Mr Lim Chong Kin, Senior Legal Associate of Drew & Napier LLC. The panel addressed recent legal and regulatory changes in the telecommunications industry in Singapore. Also discussed was the impact of progressively liberalised trade in telecommunications networks and services within the framework of the General Agreement on Tariffs in Services.

The second Workshop was conducted in the afternoon by a panel of speakers comprising Michael Hwang SC, Partner of Messrs Allen & Gledhill, Prof. E.P. Ellinger, Professor Emeritus at NUS and a consultant with Messrs Rajah & Tann, Prof. Tan Yock Lin of the NUS Law School and Lee Eng Beng ‘92 and Aurill Kam ‘91, both Partners of Messrs Rajah & Tann. The panel addressed enforcement issues relating to guarantees, foreign currency obligations, cross-border claims, standstill arrangements and compromise arrangements.

For more information on the Conference and access to papers, visit our website at http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/scibl.
Faculty Updates

New Professors and Associate Professors at NUS Law School

In early 2001, Tan Yock Lin and Jeffrey Pinsler were appointed Professors in the Law School. Yock Lin specialises in the areas of conflict of laws and criminal procedure while Jeffrey is an expert in civil procedure and evidence. Another professor soon joined the ranks – on 1 November 2001, Mrs. Tan Sook Yee was appointed Professor in the Law School. Sook Yee has long been teaching and researching into the areas of land law and trusts. The new appointees join Professors Koh Kheng Lian ’61 and M. Sornarajah as our full-time professors on the teaching faculty. Meanwhile, Joel Lee was made Associate Professor in July 2001 while Chan Wing Cheong, Gary F. Bell and Alan Tan ’93 were appointed Associate Professors in January 2002.

Former Judge G.P. Selvam ‘68
Appointed CJ Koh Professor

Former Supreme Court Judge G.P. Selvam ‘68 was appointed CJ Koh Professor of Law in August 2001. Soon after his retirement from the Bench in July 2001, Professor Selvam joined Haq, Namazie & Selvam, a law firm specialising in intellectual property law and shipping law. In his capacity as CJ Koh Professor, Professor Selvam is teaching the law on carriage of goods by sea and admiralty law at the Law School. Professor Selvam is also the editor-in-chief of the Singapore edition of the White Book, the lawyer’s handbook on Supreme Court practices, which will be out in 2002. The CJ Koh Professorship was established in memory of Mr CJ Koh, the late philanthropic lawyer whose kind gifts to the Faculty endowed not only the Professorship named in his honour but also the new extension of the Law Library.

Law School Journals

The Singapore Journal of Legal Studies (SJLS) and Singapore Journal of International and Comparative Law (SJICL) recently signed contracts with Westlaw and Lexis-Nexis. Articles on the SJLS and SJICL should be available on the two databases by 2002. The Editorial Boards of the SJLS and SJICL are also currently in active negotiations with the Social Science Research Network (SSRN) to offer articles on the SSRN database. In addition to this, both journals are currently with the Social Science Research Network (SSRN) to offer articles on the areas of land law and trusts. The new appointees join Professors Koh Kheng Lian ’61 and M. Sornarajah as our full-time professors on the teaching faculty. Meanwhile, Joel Lee was made Associate Professor in July 2001 while Chan Wing Cheong, Gary F. Bell and Alan Tan ’93 were appointed Associate Professors in January 2002.

Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL) Activities

The Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL) continues to be active in its mission to build capacity in environmental law and to promote awareness of environmental issues in the region. It works in close partnership with the World Conservation Union (IUCN) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Its activities over the last six months have included organising the eighth in a continuing series of environmental management seminars under the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Technical Assistance Programme for Sustainable Development (STAPSD). Koh Kheng Lian ‘61, APCEL's Director, was the course director of the seminar, and resource persons included APCEL members Robert Beckman, Brady Coleman and Lye Lin Heng ’73. APCEL also organised the ninth in a series of seminars on environmental law for senior officials from various Singapore ministries including the Ministry of the Environment. Victor Ramraj coordinated this course with Robert Beckman, Brady Coleman, Michael Ewing-Chow ‘95, Lim Chin Leng and Lye Lin Heng ’73 serving as resource persons.

Members of APCEL also presented papers and participated in a number of conferences over the last six months. Lye Lin Heng participated in an environmental law seminar at the University of Vermont Law School in May 2001 and a PECC conference in Hong Kong in November 2001 while Alan Tan ’93 presented a paper at a conference on ASEAN Legal Systems and Regional Integration in Kuala Lumpur and taught a graduate level environmental law course at the University of Sydney on administrative and environmental governance in Southeast Asia. Koh Kheng Lian was appointed to serve in the Advisory and Scientific Directorate of the International Centre of Comparative Environmental Law at the Centre's General Assembly in Limoges, France in November 2001. APCEL members have also provided consultancy services, e.g. commenting on the Vietnam Draft legislation on the implementation of the Convention on Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). APCEL bids farewell to one of its members, Brady Coleman, who had contributed tremendously in his field of specialisation, climate change. Brady has returned to the U.S. to teach and we wish him well.

Faculty Movements

The Faculty bids farewell and good wishes to Brady Coleman and Angeline Lee and welcomes back Daniel Seng ’92. Meanwhile, Ho Hock Lai ’89, Tan Seow Hon ’97, Tracey Evans Chan Weng ’97, Dawn Tan ’97 and Burton Ong ’99 are abroad on university scholarships for their graduate studies. Goh Mia Yang ’92 has also joined us as Assistant Dean (see ClassAction for details).
Gregory Vijayendran ‘92 & Club Rainbow

Gregory Vijayendran ‘92 is the President of Club Rainbow (Singapore), a charity which provides support to the families of children suffering from life-threatening and chronic illnesses. Greg balances his time remarkably between a full-time job as a litigator at Wong Partnership and his dedication to Club Rainbow. LAWLINK ♦️ speaks to Greg, who tells us more about Club Rainbow and how it all began in Law School.

LAWLINK ♦️ What is the mission of Club Rainbow?

Greg: Its mission is to provide comprehensive psychosocial, financial and informational support to families of children suffering from life-threatening and chronic illnesses. These illnesses include biliary atresia (a liver condition), thalassaemia major (a genetic blood disorder), congenital heart diseases, renal failure and spina bifida (an illness affecting the nervous system). These are only a few of the medical conditions that the more than 230 children that come under the umbrella of the charity suffer from. Our motto is “Compassionate Relevant Services”.

The charity was formed in 1992. Its genesis was an outdoor adventure camp for terminally- and chronically-ill children called Camp Rainbow (now re-named Camp Sunshine). The Rotaract volunteers who were principally involved in the camp’s organisation received feedback from the families of the participants at the Camp that there was a need to set up a long-term support organisation to meet the needs of the families as they were not being met by any other organisation or group in Singapore. Club Rainbow (Singapore) was thus born.

LAWLINK ♦️ What motivated you to lead Club Rainbow in its modern-day mission?

Greg: A complex question calls for a complex answer. In truth, there is probably a mixture of many motives involved. But to be honest, I don’t think I have seriously introspected on the reasons for my involvement at any one instance. Taking a step back and reflecting for a moment, I would say it is probably a combination of three things: friendships made at NUS, a moral debt to Singapore and a personal spiritual mission.

First, on the NUS friendships. There was a group of us at NUS, primarily former hostel JCRC Presidents and Vice-Presidents (including Anparasan Kamachi ‘92, a Law School classmate), who had had a positive experience working together at NUS and who had been asked to help set up a support group for leukaemic children. We did so, calling the group “Working in Aid of Leukaemic Kids” (WALK), which was the predecessor organisation to the Children’s Cancer Foundation (a sister charity to Club Rainbow). Having served as Vice-President (and founding member) thereof, the time came to move on after its establishment. The response to a call to build Club Rainbow (Singapore) became a natural progression. In its early years, Club Rainbow (Singapore) enjoyed the leadership of another friend and Law School classmate, Raja Bose ‘92, who pioneered the early work and passed the baton to me.

The second reason was a moral debt to Singapore. Truth to tell, I had severe financial difficulties paying my way through Law School. However, the members of the Deanery who understood my financial predicament showed kindness and help in the form of bursaries and loans that significantly assisted finances. My work in Club Rainbow (Singapore), as exhausting and as involved as it can be at times, is a small way to pay back to society a moral debt that was first incurred to the then Dean, Professor (now Justice) Tan Lee Meng ‘72 and the members of the Deanery who were supportive and encouraging through my very trying personal circumstances.

Last but not least, the third reason for my involvement was that before joining Club Rainbow, I went through the experience of losing a loved one, my mother, who suffered a massive stroke in 1995. That tragedy became a springboard which assisted finances. My work in Club Rainbow (Singapore), as exhausting and as involved as it can be at times, is a small way to pay back to society a moral debt that was first incurred to the then Dean, Professor (now Justice) Tan Lee Meng ‘72 and the members of the Deanery who were supportive and encouraging through my very trying personal circumstances.

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LAWLINK ♦️ How do you think your training as a lawyer at Law School has helped you in meeting the challenges which Club Rainbow throws up?

Greg: It has helped greatly. The analytical training enables me to identify issues clearly and methodically whether in terms of Management Council meetings or even in discussions and other matters that crop up from time to time in managing the charity with staff and volunteers. It has also instilled a strong sense of respect for law and order and that has carried over in terms of introduction of various systems and processes in the charity at different levels as a valuable framework.

Additionally, it has also taught me the value of precedent. What this means is that human resource issues, management decisions, policy issues, etc. are not decided arbitrarily. Instead, these decisions are arrived at from the perspective of earlier cases as well as with the benefit of learning from other organisations and charities and NCSS (National Council of Social Services) guidelines. Ultimately, we then arrive at what is the best decision for the charity having regard to all these precedents. The legal training has certainly influenced the management style of the organisation.

LAWLINK ♦️ Is Club Rainbow run entirely by volunteers? How have members of the management team balanced their work and their commitment to Club Rainbow?

Greg: Club Rainbow is volunteer-driven in that policy issues are decided by a Management Council comprising volunteers. These are advised by an Advisory Board that consists of various experts on psychosocial illnesses such as local paediatricians, paediatric surgeons and an NUS Social Work & Psychology Lecturer. However, day-to-day operations are carried out by staff. We presently have eight full-time staff, including three Social Workers, a Centre Executive to man our Centre at the National University Hospital and a Programme Development Executive who organises strategic mission-oriented programmes for four major illness groups under Club Rainbow, i.e. families of children with biliary atresia (a liver condition characterised by absent bile ducts), thalassaemia major (a genetic blood disorder that requires the child to go for frequent blood transfusions), congenital heart diseases and premature babies with chronic complications (such as visual or hearing impairment, developmental delay and chronic lung problems).

Time management is always an issue. We have always strongly encouraged the undergraduate volunteers not to go overboard with their commitment and to concentrate on their studies, especially when examinations are near. Otherwise, we might have to provide emotional support for the student volunteers! As for the working adults, there are also challenges and constraints but as someone once said, you always make time for what is important to you. Once you have caught a vision of the needs of the suffering, there is a compassion in your heart that compels you to action. The words of Mother Theresa ring true: “We cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love.”
We have tried to find ways and means to more efficiently manage time. The Management Council itself meets once a month. Additionally, to optimise this, we have formed committees of volunteers such as Programme, Education (to manage tuition services), an Emotional Support Network (that manages volunteer befrienders), Pals in Hospitals (volunteers who play with or read to hospitalised children), Youth Committee (to organise relevant leadership programmes for youths/adolescents) and the Newsletter Committee (to come up with the charity newsletter). That is just to name a few of the committees which manage different processes and services.

**LAWLINK**: Where does financing come from?

**Greg**: Funds come from kind and generous individuals and corporations.

**LAWLINK**: How do you identify the beneficiaries of Club Rainbow?

**Greg**: We have established a system with the two restructured hospitals’ paediatric units. The paediatricians at both the Kandang Kerbau Women’s and Children’s Hospital and the National University Hospital refer cases to Club Rainbow. The medical endorsement makes for the authenticity of the case. After the referral is received, we register the family under Club Rainbow. This then enables the family to enjoy the processes and services.

**LAWLINK**: Could you share with us the views and responses of some of the children and their families? How has Club Rainbow affected their lives?

**LAWLINK**: It must also be delicate for volunteers who get attached to children with chronic or life-threatening illnesses. Are the volunteers specially-trained to deal with such situations for the benefit of not only the children and their families but for the volunteers themselves?

**Greg**: Volunteers are selected as befrienders after a relatively stringent process that involves an interview to ascertain emotional maturity and commitment. We do conduct in-house trainings by our social workers for the new befrienders. From
time to time, we also send volunteers for training at NCSS-run courses as well as seminars by the National Volunteers Centre. In the event of bereavement, we conduct special grief recovery sessions for volunteers and other children who are close to the child who has passed away. There is still a lot more that we need to do to develop relevant training for our volunteers and we hope to continue to develop in this area.

**LAWLINK**: How do the different parties react to the death of a Club Rainbow child?

**Greg:** The family feels the grief. Even if they had foreseen it and had been cautioned by the paediatricians about it, there is always a sense of loss felt because that brother, that sister, that son/daughter was a family member with a unique personality; someone they had grown attached to, and love and miss dearly.

As for the charity, we too, feel the sadness that the family experiences. As sensitively as possible, we try to be there for the families even during bereavement. There are many ways in which we can touch the grieving family's life: among others, just being there even if no words are spoken or simply being an active listener.

The other children do feel the loss too, especially if they have been close to the child in question. We are working with one teenage thalassaemia major girl who has been through several losses this year, all within a short span of time. There was first, the death of a close volunteer followed by the death of a youth with congenital heart disease that she was close to. Shortly thereafter, she experienced her parents’ divorce and the subsequent re-marriage of her parent guardian. Our social workers have also worked with children who know that another child has passed away and we help them to say their own “goodbyes” through various creative techniques and ways.

Another example is the thalassaemia major children/youths. A decade ago, the prognosis for these children was that they would die in their late teens or early adulthood. The reason is that with the mandatory frequent blood transfusions, the iron in the body builds up and the excess iron accumulates around major organs such as the heart and liver. In time to come, there is an iron overload and these organs start to break down leading to cardiac arrest, liver failure, etc. However, with a drug known as Desferral (an iron chelator), the excess iron is removed from the body naturally. This means that the children/youths have a future. In turn, this gives rise to complex questions such as whether they can marry, have children, take up employment, etc. We hope to address these adolescent/young adult issues in a seminar together with our Advisors before the end of this month.

The comparison with other countries may be unfair as in some of these countries, there is a larger pool of children with the specific illness giving rise to a larger critical mass. However, we still have a lot to learn in the area of specialised services for the chronically-ill children. For example, we have obtained copies of various helpful publications from Australia. One specialised booklet was entitled “Fathering A Child With Chronic Illness”. We hope in time to work with strategic partners to develop similar material which are relevant to families in our local setting. There is also a dearth of materials in the Chinese, Malay and Indian languages and there is much work to do here to reach out to the heartlanders to create more awareness of their children’s condition and of the fact that they are not alone. Finally, we also see a great need in the area of bereavement/grief counselling and we hope to work together with like-minded organisations to provide a sharper service in this area.

**LAWLINK**: What would you say have been the most rewarding aspects of Club Rainbow?

**Greg:** More than the development of ambitious new plans and projects or even relevant services. Instead, the simple things: a smile on a child’s happy face. More importantly, the intrinsic fulfilment that comes when you have helped someone, even if no appreciation is forthcoming because you never did it for the appreciation anyway. An unforgettable memory was visiting the family of a thalassaemia major girl who had passed away. The girl’s twin sister came up to me at the end of that visit, shook my hand and said “Thank you for making my sister happy”. And I know the thanks were not for me alone — it was for every volunteer who has poured out his or her time, efforts and lives (for when you give someone your time, you are really giving them a part of your life) into this cause.

Although we, the volunteers, think we are giving, yet, many times we are privileged to receive as well.”

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Club Rainbow is LAWLINK’s charity of the season. If you would like to help, cheques made payable to “Club Rainbow (Singapore)” may be sent to P.O. Box 447, Orchard Post Office, Singapore 912315. You can also donate online at [http://www.clubrainbow.org](http://www.clubrainbow.org) or use the DBS Electronic Bill Payment Service at [http://www.dbs.com/ebanking](http://www.dbs.com/ebanking)
then i'm going to apply for the jcci scholarship masters in fine art in tokyo but only one person gets it a year so it's a long shot but if i get that if it's God's will that i go do this i will take sculpture for 3 years then i'll come home again and be even more prolific told you i'm a planner

LAWLINK: How is life in the Big Apple? How different is the art scene there from what it is in Singapore?

Namiko: wonderful i am completely in love with nyc i love it to death everything about it just walking on the street makes me happy coz i can feel the vibe, that buzz there is just so much happening there too so many big shows at galleries even bigger shows at the MET and MoMA my fav haunt is the MoMA - museum of modern art going gallery hopping is really exciting in between the poor starving artist grabs bites to eat from the local deli
LAWLINK: How have you been touched by the events of 11th September? How has the New York artistic community reacted to and dealt with these events?

Namiko:

yes
i was in grief for quite a while
and felt a lot of guilt
in depression
for continuing to do what i do
(go to the arts students league to paint)
knowing thousands died
wondering whether perfecting my skill
was relevant at all

art is a reaction and reflection of society
and of current events
artists dealt with their grief
in spontaneous bursts of activity
all over the island of manhattan
and brooklyn too where i live
murals popped up everywhere
musicians were on the streets
even the candles burning everywhere in the square
especially washington square
is art

LAWLINK: You have recently had an exhibition of your work in Singapore. How was the homecoming experience for you?

Namiko:

very very busy and tiring
preparing for the show
making sure my friends got word of it
and after the opening too
interviews etc, bringing people to the gallery
for their private tour
just meeting up with a lot of people
friends
a mad rush since i’m home for only 2 weeks
and i am also wondering where i belong
i love home (it’s home)

but i am heartbroken to leave nyc
i am so inspired there
feel like i can conquer the world
and my friends and fellow artists in nyc
i miss them
i was depressed a little
thinking about whether i belong in singapore
or in nyc

LAWLINK: Did you find anything aesthetically pleasing in your law studies? How could the arts improve the law school experience for our students?

Namiko:

i absolutely love environment law
lye lin heng was one of the 3 who taught that
i think that is aesthetic
caring for the world
i did not find the law fac building pleasing though
sorry to say
frozen lecture theatres and those yellow railings
has it changed since i remember it?

i think everyone should take a little course on the arts
be it dance (i dance too)
or music
or visual art etc
everybody should know about the arts
to call themselves human
i fail to see how one can live
without the ability to appreciate the arts

LAWLINK: Has law served you well? Is there a way in which you get an edge in your art because of your law studies?

Namiko:

yes tremendously
i know how not to get bullied
so many artists are flaky
and proud of it
as if not knowing how the world works
is commendable
i’ve met a lot of artists (friends included)
who don’t know the first thing
about protecting themselves
be it through contracts
or with agents or galleries etc
law has really served me well in this respect
i am confident of my rights
and what measures are open to me
should i get hurt out there
in the art world

and of course
there is this little thing about respect
generally people give me more respect
just coz i have a law degree

LAWLINK: It’s great to see that some of your law school classmates have been instrumental in supporting your goals.

Namiko:

i have been so blessed with supportive friends
yes, law school and hostel mates;
really am so very touched,
can’t believe just how many people
are encouraging me and believing in what i do
and egging me on;
don’t feel i deserve it
so many people were there at the opening too
over 200 without a doubt
sorry i’m gushing
but i really just can’t believe
how fortunate i am
to have supportive friends

LAWLINK: You know that we need and cherish the support of our alumni, and you know that our faculty has not been the most aesthetically pleasing place to hang around, so I was wondering whether you would consider some day giving one of your paintings to your alma mater?

Namiko:

i would like to support the alumni
in any way i can
sure thing
i would love to give the law school a painting

Editor: This was how Uma - Namiko’s gift to the Law School - came to be

LAWLINK: wishes Namiko every success in her endeavours. Namiko’s works may be viewed on her website at http://www.namikochan.com
The Law School boasts a distinguished list of alumni residing and working in Malaysia. Many of our Malaysian alumni were with us in the days of the University of Malaya in Singapore and the University of Singapore, when the Law School campus was located at Bukit Timah. Relations with our Malaysian alumni received a strong boost following a Law School delegation visit in November 2001. Deputy Director of the Graduate Division, Assoc. Prof. Teo Keang Sood reports. On 5 November 2001, a delegation from the NUS Law Faculty, comprising the Dean, Assoc Prof Tan Cheng Han ‘87, Vice-Dean (Research and Graduate Studies), Assoc Prof Dora Neo Swee Suan and the Deputy Director (Graduate Division), Assoc Prof Teo Keang Sood, met up with distinguished alumni in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The delegation was also in KL to meet up with the Deans of some of the Malaysian law schools. While there, the delegation paid a courtesy call on the Chief Justice of Malaysia, the Right Honourable Tan Sri Dato’ Seri Mohamed Dzaiddin bin Hj Abdullah. The Dean also paid a courtesy call to the Malaysian Attorney-General, Datuk Ainum binti Mohd Saaid ‘70.

In the evening, Dean Tan hosted a dinner for some of our alumni in Malaysia. Those who attended the dinner at the JW Marriott Hotel included judges from the Malaysian Court of Appeal, namely, the Honourable Justice Dato’ KC Vohrah ‘64, the Honourable Justice Dato’ Abdul Hamid bin Hj Mohamed ‘69, a Malaysian High Court judge, the Honourable Justice Dato’ Selventhiranathan Thiagarajah ‘69; Professo’ Beatrix Vohrah (nee Beatrix Chew) ‘63 from the Faculty of Administration & Law, Universiti Teknologi MARA; and senior practitioners from some of the largest law firms in Kuala Lumpur, namely, Wong Chong Wah ‘69 and Lee Tatt Boon from M/s Skrine & Co; Dato’ Dr Cyrus Das ‘73 (past Chairman of the Bar Council of Malaya), Porres Royan ‘73 and Too Hing Yeap’ 71 from M/s Shook Lin & Bok; Puan Hendon bte Hj Mohamed ‘62 (past Chairman of the Bar Council of Malaya) from M/s Hendon Yeow & Chin; Lim Teong Sit ‘83 from M/s Shearn Delamore & Co; Ms Ooi Bee Hong ‘86 from M/s Allen & Gledhill; and Cheong Kee Fong ‘68 from M/s Cheong Kee Fong & Co.

The dinner went well and the atmosphere was warm. Those who attended the function had fond memories of their years in law school either at the Bukit Timah campus of the then University of Singapore or the Kent Ridge campus of the present National University of Singapore. From time to time, laughter punctuated the evening whenever an alumnus recalled a comical incident or event. The occasion also served as an excellent opportunity for alumni and members of the delegation to network as well as to update each other on legal developments in Malaysia and Singapore.

In his speech at the dinner, Dean Tan asked the senior practitioners present to assist in publicising the graduate programmes in law in NUS to interested practitioners in their respective law firms as well as to other members of the Malaysian Bar. The Dean also expressed hope that alumni in Malaysia would be forthcoming in rendering assistance when called upon to do so in the future. At the dinner, some of the alumni present indicated that they would work closely with the Dean to set up a committee to represent alumni in Malaysia. The committee could collaborate in and oversee alumni activities organised in Malaysia and Singapore.

The evening ended on a very positive note and there was general consensus that more gatherings for alumni in Malaysia are to be welcomed so as to enhance camaraderie and to build a closer bond with the alma mater. It is hoped that the hosting of this alumni dinner marks the beginning of a more fruitful and symbiotic relationship to come between the NUS Law School and the scores of alumni who are presently residing in Malaysia.
Promotion of Graduate Programmes in Law in Malaysia

On 5 November 2001, Dean Tan Cheng Han ’87 led a delegation to meet the Dean and academic staff of the Law Faculty of Universiti Malaya (UM) in Kuala Lumpur. The purpose of the meeting was to promote the graduate programmes in law at the NUS Law School. Interested staff members and final year law students of UM were also invited for the recruitment cocktail function held at the PJ Hilton the following evening. The visit to UM was followed by a visit to the Law Faculty of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) in Bangi, Selangor. Vice-Dean Dora Neo gave a briefing to interested academic staff of UKM on the NUS graduate programmes in law. Some final year law students of UKM were also briefed on the law graduate programmes.

The third law school which the delegation visited was the Kulliyyah of Laws in the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM) in Kuala Lumpur. As in the case with UM and UKM, the delegation met up with the Dean and academic staff of the Kulliyyah of Laws. The delegation was also briefed on IIUM law undergraduate and graduate curricula. There was also an exchange of views on how certain courses were run in NUS and IIUM.

On the evening of 6 November, a recruitment cocktail was held at the PJ Hilton. The function was attended by both practitioners and academics. Several practitioners who attended the function expressed great interest in pursuing graduate studies in law at NUS. The queries that were raised pertained to both the LL.M and PhD programmes as well as the Graduate Diploma in Singapore Law programme. Generally, the queries related to the need to fulfill the residence requirement for research programmes. Some of the queries related to the suitability of certain research topics and the availability of supervisors.

The members of the delegation came away from this recruitment trip satisfied that there was a good chance that some of the students and practitioners they met up with would apply for the graduate programmes in law offered at NUS. It is hoped that this will contribute to a more vibrant international student profile within the Law School.

On 12 October 2001, NUS President and Vice-Chancellor Shih Choon Fong hosted lunch for a group of Law School alumni at University Hall. The event was part of a regular series of lunches which the NUS administration hosts to strengthen ties with alumni from the various faculties. In our case, our alumni were briefed on the latest policy decisions and physical improvement plans on campus. The alumni also had the chance to raise issues touching on the relationship between the Law School and the University on the one hand, and alumni and the broader legal fraternity on the other.

Front (L-R): Gan Hiang Chye ’70, Jeffrey Chan ’73, Tan Jin Hwee ’71, Koh Juat Jong ’88, President and VC Shih Choon Fong, Arfat Selvam ’68, Rajan Menon ’71, Wu Yu Liang ’85, A/P Lawrence Chia Back (L-R): Dean Tan Cheng Han ’85, Kenneth Tan Wee Kheng ’83, Lok Vi Ming ’86, Alan Tan ’93.
Class Reunions

Class of ‘92 holds Reunion

The Class of 1992 (above) held their first reunion at the Law School’s Moot Court in October 2001, the first for the Class since graduation. Almost 70 members of the Class turned up for tea, delighted at the prospect of renewing friendships and trading war stories about burgeoning bank accounts, ultra-capitalist clients and growing families. Much food, fun and revelry were had by all, and the Class went out of its way to collect donations for the ongoing School Pocket Money Fund campaign. Reunion co-organiser Judy Chang reports that the Fund benefited by a handsome $808.80 (note the auspiciousness of the amount!). Part of this sum came from the remainder of the Class Fund (apparently, proceeds from those arduous hours of selling ice cream at the Foyer as well as the Law IV concert staged by the Class - “Anything Goes” - in 1992). And all this while, trusty Class Treasurer, Chee Chi Meng had the money in an old biscuit tin under his bed! Judy further reports that Chi Meng kindly topped up the remainder of the Fund by another $300 (probably an attempt to discharge his fiduciary duties) for the Reunion Tea. The rest came from the generous donations of classmates who turned up at the Reunion. The Class certainly looks forward to more reunions in the future. Check out the Class website - a Law School first - at www.alumni.nus.edu.sg/law92!

15th Anniversary Reunion for Class of ‘86

Rupert Ong ’86 reports: A timely 15th anniversary reunion one cool November evening saw members of the graduating Class of 1986 coming back to the good old Law Fac. Not everyone turned up; but those 40-odd or so that made the trip back in time were greeted with familiar and not so familiar faces. Balding and greying pates and those 40-odd or so that made the trip back in time were greeted with the chatter and gossip 2nd, 3rd and 4th hand. Married partners were missing ... only yours truly made it to the reunion!) Joyce Ang had a bad back that day and had to contend with hearing about all the chatter and gossip 2nd, 3rd and 4th hand. Married partners Young Chee Foong and Choong Hui Yeeng (Jinx to those who know her from college days) had to scoot off and miss the splendid auspiciousness of the amount!). Part of this sum came from the remainder of the Class Fund (apparently, proceeds from those arduous hours of selling ice cream at the Foyer as well as the Law IV concert staged by the Class - “Anything Goes” - in 1992). And all this while, trusty Class Treasurer, Chee Chi Meng had the money in an old biscuit tin under his bed! Judy further reports that Chi Meng kindly topped up the remainder of the Fund by another $300 (probably an attempt to discharge his fiduciary duties) for the Reunion Tea. The rest came from the generous donations of classmates who turned up at the Reunion. The Class certainly looks forward to more reunions in the future. Check out the Class website - a Law School first - at www.alumni.nus.edu.sg/law92!

IN MEMORIAM

The Class of ‘86 fondly remembers Bennett Lam ‘86 whose untimely and tragic loss whilst fishing at sea last year shocked, pained and saddened us. Life is already too short as it is; may we all be emboldened to live life as fully and happily as we all can. We are sure Bennett would have wanted that of all of us. Carpe Diem!
Letter from Abroad –

Adam Atlas EXC ’96

My kingdom for a chicken laksa and sliced mango on ice!
Once spoiled by the foods and warm temperatures of Singapore, it is occasionally challenging to enjoy ordinary Canadian fare and minus-30 degree celsius weather-lah!

Since completing my year of studies at the NUS Law School in 1996, I returned to Montreal, completed my law degrees in Civil and Common Law at McGill University and got called to the bars of the Province of Quebec and the State of New York. I am now practicing at Stikeman Elliott in Montreal, with an emphasis on corporate mergers and acquisitions transactions, science and technology law and competition law. In my free time, I enjoy cycling and painting (mostly abstract works on canvas).

I have many fond memories of my time at the NUS Law School and as a resident of Kent Ridge Hall (and a proud “C-Blocker” at that!). I often say that I am at least part Singaporean on account of the exchange. My Singapore roots come out in odd places, such as the gold plastic dragon on the rear-view mirror of my car and my preference for a local Montreal restaurant called “Singapore”. More than just the images and food, I also remember fondly the energy of fellow students at NUS and the emphasis in the NUS Law School on learning hard law.

Of the many things that I remember about living in Singapore as a foreign student, perhaps my strongest impression is that of being made to feel entirely at home. Without understanding any Hokkien, Teochew or Malay, I was always accepted by my fellow KR residents and students in the Law School as an NUS student like any other. It is common for students at KR to post outside their rooms a little poster board with a thumb tack to indicate whether the resident is “sleeping”, “at the library” etc. One morning, I stepped outside my room to find that a neighbour had made a very elaborate board for me to use beside my door. I was very touched by this kindness and by countless other similar acts that made my time in Singapore a real pleasure. I am forever indebted to my fellow NUS law student and KR resident, Mabel Choo, who exemplified the kindness that I found at NUS.

Coming back to Canada required another cultural adjustment. The first time someone handed me a business card in Canada following my return, it was done with one hand. My Singaporean side was shocked at this rudeness. In that moment, I realized I had hopped over the divide between Asia and North America. Now that I have been back for a few years, I feel that my perspective is a hybrid of Canadian and Singaporean. I enjoy the less formal manner of Canadian culture, but I am still perplexed when I see people toss rubbish on the street here in Montreal. In January 2001, I closed a transaction for a client of Stikeman Elliott in Seoul, Korea, and I found my Singaporean side very useful in the months of negotiations and correspondence with Korean lawyers and parties in that transaction. Facility with chopsticks, which I honed in Singapore, was also an asset at the closing dinner!

Best wishes to all NUS grads, don’t be too “kiasu”, and please do drop me a line at: aatlas@mtl.stikeman.com.
The success of NUS Law School teams at the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition has been unparalleled by any Law School in the world. This has greatly enhanced the reputation of the Law School internationally.

For many years, international mooting at NUS had been limited to the Jessup Competition. During the past two years, the Law School has taken steps to expand its presence in international mooting competitions beyond the Jessup Moots in order to give more NUS law students the opportunity to test their skills in international competitions. In 2000, we participated in two new international mooting programmes that were organized in Australia.

In March 2000, we sent a team to Sydney to participate in the first Asia-Pacific Regional Round of the Manfred Lachs International Space Law Moot Competition. This Competition had previously been limited to schools in Europe and the United States, and it expanded to the Asia-Pacific Region for the first time in 2000. NUS emerged as the first Asia-Pacific champions, and won the right to represent the Asia-Pacific Region in the Final Rounds in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in October.

In Rio, the team went up against the regional champions from the U.S. and Europe but were defeated by the U.S. champions.

In July 2000, we sent a team to the inaugural International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot Competition at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia. The NUS team emerged as the first champions of the Maritime Moots.

In 2001, NUS teams participated in four international mooting competitions, and they emerged champions in all of them. In March, we won first place in the Asia-Pacific Regional Round of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Competition. This was the second year in a row that NUS had been the regional champions of this competition. The team then travelled to Toulouse, France in October 2001 for the Final Rounds of the competition. The NUS team defeated the US champions in the Final Round, which was judged by three members of the International Court of Justice from The Hague. NUS thus became the first school from outside of the U.S. and Europe to win the Lachs Space Law Moot.
Mooters’ Roll of Honour

2001 Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition Champions - Washington D.C., USA

Sangeeta Subbrahmanyam ’01, Chan Ho Ming ’01, Kabir Singh ’02, Davinia Aziz ’02, Jason Chan ’02

2001 Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Competition - Toulouse, France

Celina Chua Mei Yen ’01, Gerardine Goh Meishan ’01.

2000 First International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot Competition - Brisbane, Australia

Jane Ban ’01, Anthony Lee ’01, Loh Wai Yue ’01, Vinod Sabnani ’00, Lee Kher Sheng ’00.

2001 Second International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot Competition - Hong Kong

Loh Wai Yue ’01, Mark Christopher Koh ’01, Teo Ke-wei ’01, Walter Thevathasan ’01, Martin Ng ’02.

2001 Asia Cup International Law Moot Court Competition - Tokyo, Japan

Jason Chan ’02, Kabir Singh ’02, Shivani Retnam ’03, Su-yin Anand ’03.

In April 2001, we became the first law school in the world to win the prestigious Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition for a fourth time. The Jessup Cup Final Round was held in Washington DC. A few months later, a team of NUS law students travelled to Hong Kong to participate in the Second International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot Competition. The defending champion NUS team won first place again. To add to these successes, NUS participated for the first time in the Asia Cup Moot Court Competition held in Tokyo, Japan in August 2001. NUS again emerged Champions.

It will be extremely challenging for NUS to repeat the record it established in 2001. The performances by our law students in international mooting competitions in 2000 and 2001 have greatly enhanced the reputation of the NUS Law School around the world as a centre of excellence. In 2002, the Law School will add one more international moot to its already filled schedule. It will participate for the first time in the Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition, which will be held in Vienna, Austria.

Assoc Prof Robert Beckman from the Law School has been responsible for expanding the participation of NUS teams in international mooting competitions, and he has served as the coach to all of the teams. Almost all of the students who participate in the international moot competitions are selected from among his students in International Legal Process, an elective subject in which he teaches skills in research, writing and advocacy. In 2000, Prof Beckman was one of 6 staff members at NUS to receive the Outstanding Educator Award. The course that was evaluated for this award was International Legal Process. The success of NUS moot teams in 2000 and 2001 is another indication that the course has been a success.
Darrell Low '05, Publications Secretary of the 22nd Law Club Management Committee, shares with us his views on what makes Law School special for him and his mates.

The first time I set my eyes on Law School, it was at the Law Camp. That was a week of great fun and fellowship among the seniors and freshmen. Beyond the fun and games, my eyes were opened to a dimension of community service even from the very first days before term began. And so it was that Rag and Flag in the Law School emphasised the community service element of orientation. One would have expected Rag and Flag to have dedicated much time to the traditional float building competition. However, Law School had been the first faculty to pull out of float-building in 1999. Since then, we have approached Rag and Flag from a different angle, and perhaps started our own unique tradition. We now channel much of our time and effort into community projects that serve the less fortunate in society.

This year was no exception. Law students spent two weeks in June 2001 at the Chao Yang Special School painting and refurbishing the physical facade and surroundings of the school. We also painted murals at the assembly hall and canteen area as well as built a new set of soccer goalposts and replaced the old basketball hoops. Apart from the physical improvements, we also had great fun playing games and singing songs with the school’s children.

The Classes of 2002 to 2005:

Building on a Tradition of Community

There was also a day when we took time off from painting walls and went off to the zoo with the children. It was a sunny day up at Mandai as we interacted and mingled with them. Amidst the sea of smiles and warmth in our hearts, we reminisced of the time when we, too, were children having our day at the zoo. The joy and enthusiasm on the children’s faces was infectious and it made all the work we had put into the project more than worth it.

The Rag and Flag project capped off with a concert that we had put up especially for the children. It was a visual treat for them as we presented a vivid showcase of individual talents, particularly that of the freshmen who performed dances, skits and musical renditions. Our in-house magician, Alvin Lim ’05 also thrilled the kids! This was followed by a treat for the children’s taste buds as we gave them a farewell present in the form of a barbeque. Parting was difficult but we left with a strong sense of achievement and fulfilment.
After a short break, the freshmen were involved in Matriculation Week, the final installation of our Freshmen Orientation Programme. It was a week filled with administrative matters coupled with some sun and surf at Sentosa, our sunny island getaway south of Singapore. As Matriculation Week ended, I knew I had thoroughly enjoyed myself as a freshman and looked forward to life in Law School. Although the semester may have begun, it did not signal an end to the spiritedness in Law School. Orientation impressed upon us that education at Law School went beyond case files and textbooks. Interacting with the community at large and giving back to society were richly rewarding experiences which went beyond tangible gains. In one word, the experience was priceless. Our thanks to all who made it possible, particularly Sandra Lee ’03, Alvin Hoon ’03, Sunil Sudheesan ’04 and Dean Cher ’03, who chaired the numerous committees during Orientation Week.

The Law School community spirit can be felt years after a particular cohort’s orientation. The Class of 2002 lived up to the Law School tradition of presenting a Law IV Concert. This year’s performance was entitled “Spring Will Be A Little Late”. The producers, directors and musical directors included Justin Yip ’02, Benjamin Gaw ’02, Loh Jen Wei ’02, Celia Sia ’02 and Colin Phan ’02. The concert was a tremendous success as the organisers managed to cover more than the costs of production. All proceeds went to the adopted beneficiary of the Class of 2002, the Singapore Autism Association. The graduating class inspired us to look forward to the day when future classes – including my Class of 2005 – would play our own role in honouring this tradition of the Law School’s.

Very recently, as first semester examinations drew to a close, it was time to go out and have fun and work up a good sweat. What better way to do this than to play soccer, and for charity too. The Law School Soccer Charity was a hard-fought event among the teams from the 4 classes and several law firms. The true winner, at the end of the day, was each and every one of us who had played in aid of the Children’s Cancer Foundation.

The spirit of Christmas soon filled the air. The Class of 2004, together with the rest of the Law School, played host to the children from Canossaville Children’s Home as part of the annual and traditional Year II Christmas Charity project. It was an afternoon packed with fun and games for the children, even though it was debatable who had had more fun, the children or the law students. It was heartwarming to see the children receiving their gifts individually from our very own Santa Claus - Jeremy Leong ’05. Wong Hong Boon ’04, appearing as the Grinch, was also a huge hit! At the end of that day, the expression on the children’s faces clearly summed up the meaning of Christmas. How true it is that happiness and joy can be seen in the eyes of children, the window to our own past.

Life at Law School has an added dimension to it. Not only do we enjoy ourselves in participating, but we also grow as individuals. It is not how hard we play the game or how much time or effort we put into it, but rather how we feel after the event and how it touches our lives. A host of other interesting events are being lined up for the rest of the academic year – for one thing, the annual Law Day, to be held this year on 20 February 2002, promises to showcase more of the Law School’s talents and performances. It is our hope that Law Day will give future law students a peek into the vibrant and exciting events and activities which await them in Law School. The annual Rajah & Tann Cup will be held on 2 February 2002. May I take this opportunity to issue an invitation and challenge to all law firms and the whole of the Law School to take part in this pulsating 6-a-side hardcourt soccer event.
Class of 1989

Lee Kiat Seng reports that he is currently advising the liquidators of Amedeo Development Corporation (ADC), the former flagship of Prince Jefri Bolkiah of Brunei Darussalam, on the liquidation of ADC and how to deal with claims by creditors in excess of B$12 billion. The assignment brings Kiat regularly to the exciting city of Bandar Seri Begawan. And yes, Kiats has been to the rides at Jerudong Park. Meanwhile, Mary Wong reports from New York that she has just finished a stint at the Brussels office of Morrison & Foerster and is now back in the Big Apple. Some members of the Class of ’89 live and breathe IT. Stuart Ong chases (and gets chased by) software pirates as Vice-President of the Business Software Alliance; he also works for Autodesk which produces special effects in movies such as Star Wars and Titanic. Another Net-technology promoter is Sim Sion Koon, who works in a company that puts the dot in the .com and dabbles in IT technology that produces movies like Monsters Inc. and Toy Story. Meanwhile, Jeffrey Sim has tried of suing defendants after 10 years as a litigator and has joined “the other side”; he is now a District Judge. Others focus on flab (as opposed to fab): Lee Mann Shiuan is presently working to qualify as a Pilates Instructor and requires guinea-pigs to inflict 50 hours of instruction skills; she promises to rid participants of all that flab. On the spiritual front, one pastor who was in missionary service in India is Mohan Sacharai. Having served out his “high calling” locally for the last 5 years, he is now preoccupied with the “down to earth” practicalities of tying the knot on 02/02/02 (hot date!).

Class of 1990

The Class of 1990 recently met up for a class reunion on 21 September 2001 at L’ecole Gourmande. Ex-class President Geraldine Lim and Gladys Ng took the initiative to set up a LawGrads1990 website at: http://www.communityzero.com/lawgrads90, creating for the first time a virtual meeting point for all members of the Class of 1990 (LAWLINK note: soon to be hosted by the Law School). Geraldine, who is now in-house counsel at Dell, and Gladys, who manages risk capital at UOBVM, invite all classmates to visit the website. Some news on Goh Su Lin, who is currently the General Manager of the Practice Performing Arts School. The School trains contemporary theatre actors through immersion in Asian classical theatre systems such as Noh and Wayangwong, alongside “Western” theatre classes, in its Theatre Training & Research Programme. Meanwhile, Clement Lopez and Ignatius Ho Woon Choon have joined in partnership and are practising in Kuala Lumpur as “Lopez & Woon-Choon.”

Class of 1991

Harpreeet Singh reports that he is doing well and that he and Pavita are expecting their third child. Meanwhile, Tan Ting Ting and her husband, Eu Jin, have returned after a short stint in London and New York. While in London, they stayed at the London Goodenough Trust, a postgraduate residence popular with Commonwealth students. Ting was with Clifford Chance’s London office from December 1998 and has recently been transferred back to Singapore. She is now a senior associate with the project finance team and travelling a fair bit to exotic locales like Bangkok. Eu Jin, meanwhile, looks after the nest while practising insolvency law at Rajah & Tann.

Class of 1992

Our intrepid class reporter Judy Chang reports: Are you weary from dealing with obnoxious clients/ trying to meet impossible deadlines/running after the kids? Join Arti Daryanani, our very own Yoga guru, in one of her classes and be recharged. Find your own inner peace. Arti can be contacted at arti_d@yahoo.com. Meanwhile, Agnes Tan, currently living in the Big Apple, is playing homemaker and looking after the two kids while hubby, Kow Keng Siong ‘93 pursues his Masters degree (see Keng Siong’s report under Class of ’93). Agnes welcomes friends to contact her if they plan to visit New York City (airfares are now at an all-time low!). She can be contacted at agnes_kow@hotmail.com. Congratulations to Zahariah Ibrahim, Quek Yee Sian and Janice Wu, all of whom delivered healthy, beautiful babies in October/November. Thanks to them for contributing to the arrest of our declining population growth. Lastly, our very own Goh Mia Yang has just assumed the role of Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Law, a newly created non-academic position. As the first ever Assistant Dean, Mia Yang is all geared up to meet administrative challenges and the task of running the Law School (not with an iron hand, we hope, the poor students and staff). Mia Yang reports that the first few days on the job were great and that Law School has changed in so many ways. She says it’s nice to be back in a different capacity, and is bemused by the fact that some of her new colleagues were her lecturers and tutors. Ah, here comes the compliment – “It must be the air here, most of them still look exactly the same!” Mia Yang has a child, whose name is Chloe but whom she affectionately refers to as Dr. Mia. She has also lunch with her (Mia, not Monster) in the Arts canteen if you happen to be doing research in the Law Library. As for the class reporter herself, she is currently undergoing docent (volunteer museum guide) training and will soon be guiding at the Singapore History Museum on weekends. If you don’t even remember the last time you visited the museum, feel free to re-acquaint yourself with a free tour and to give moral support (and that means asking questions about the exhibits, but only pre-agreed ones which will make the docent/class reporter look intelligent). A final note from Judy - if members of the class have any interesting snippets that they’d like to share with classmates, please drop her a line at snufliefalafagus@hotmail.com. Meanwhile, Lim Lei Theng and her husband See Lim had a baby boy recently, a delightful kid called Ethan. Lei Theng continues to teach on an adjunct basis at the NUS Law School.

Gyorgy Vijayendran keeps busy with practice and his good work with Club Rainbow (www.clubrainbow.org), a charitable organisation which provides support to families of children suffering from various forms of major chronic and life-threatening illnesses. For his part, Ivan Chua reports that ever since he finished his LL.M at King’s College London in 1995, he has been with the Commercial Affairs Department and most recently, the Attorney-General’s Chambers. Apart from this, his other only claim to fame, Ivan says, is his marriage to Ong Chin Rhu ’93. Meanwhile, Ng Yuina sends greetings from the Karen Refugee Camp 3 near the Thai-Burma border. Yuina’s been living and teaching there since September 2001 and will stay till at least March 2002. Yuina says: “I’m taking a break (maybe a permanent one??) from a 9-year career in TV and video production to help the Karen people, one of several ethnic minorities forced off their land by the military powers-that-be in Burma.”

Class of 1993

Ho Seng Chee and Audrey Goh have settled down rather permanently in Washington D.C. Seng Chee is enjoying his work with the International Monetary Fund (rescuing more Third World economies?) and he and Audrey play annual hosts to the Law School’s Jessup Moot team. Nearby, Alexander Ee and Regina Tay are at Charlottesville where Alex is attending the Darden Business School at the University of Virginia. Alex and Regina have two lovely kids, Victoria (22 months old) and Nicholas (a raw-boned baby). When asked what fame or fortune he’s run into, Alex would only say that he’s working on the former, while the latter is “negative territory” after the debts incurred for business school. Oh, Alex also says that the best career decision he ever made was to leave the legal profession for business school. Speaking of further degrees, Ong Chin Rhu has taken time off from the Subordinate Courts (where she is a District Judge) and is pursuing a joint MBA/LL.M degree at NUS. June Tan is also doing the same while pursuing all kinds of other interests, including starring in the highly-touted drama A War Diary on TCS and freelancing as a presenter on Dollars and Sense (Mediaworks), Wheel Power and AM Singapore. June was previously VP Legal for BeXcom and Group Legal Counsel for Vertex. June is currently looking for a job. Speaking of the Subordinate Courts, there is a whole host of Class of 1993 graduates there, including Malcolm Tan and Victor Yeo. Upon Victor’s return from his LL.M programme at University College London in 1999, he was posted to the Subordinate Courts as a District Judge. As for Malcolm, what keeps him busy is his involvement with the Old Frees Association (his Penang high school alumni association) and the boy scout movement here in Singapore. Another D.J., Kow Keng Siong, is in...
York and will probably be sent home in 2002. By her own admission, the woman is straining bilateral
the Foreign Service in Washington, D.C. By her
though he’s still keeping his options open. He’s still
enrolling full-time at NUS for the MBA programme.
he’s taken on the LAWLINK project. He needs
and was so inspired by alumni relations at Yale that
adventurous living and working environment. Peter
experience a wholly different and more
end of the world, far away and exotic, comes a
recruitment outfit and is simultaneously a mother
and have settled back into life in Singapore. Check
there is back with the Law School after 3 years
spent a couple of years at Columbia University in New York and are now back in
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being a Government Apologist. Sigh, you can’t
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claims he is married to a bigamist, since Joon-Nie
came to him already married to work.
Class of 1995
Tang Hang Wu, who is with the Law School,
reports that he has heard from Jason Norman Lee,
currently in London. Jason writes to say that
he and his wife, Hoong Huey Yen ’98 are settling
down nicely in Holland Park after spending almost
two years in Sydney. Jason was a senior associate
in Aliens Arthur Robinson in the banking and tax
department in Sydney before moving to his current
position in the structured finance department
in Freshfields, London. From one who’s left
Australia to one who hasn’t, Gregory Ong
reports that he’s still in beautiful Melbourne with
PricewaterhouseCoopers doing Management
Consulting, and loving every minute of it. Greg’s
wanderlust is getting the better of him, though,
and he’s now wondering what Boston would be
like … Meanwhile, Jayanthi Sadanandan writes
from Los Angeles where she is with White & Case –
Jay says hi to all her friends in Singapore!
Sherman Ong Beng Ann informs us that he left
the law after the Practice Law Course and 3
months of pupillage at Cooma Loh & Loh to do
film and TV production. His company, Rice
Partnership, has a Peranakan cooking series “The
Cook, his Food and the Dishy Nyonyas”, being
aired over Arts Central every Sunday night at 9pm.
Sherman also staged a photo exhibition at Clarke
Quay in the last week of November as part of the
Central Singapore District Arts Festival held in
conjunction with the Singapore International
Buskers Festival.

Another busy bee is Tan Ken Hwee - Ken and Lau
Joon-Nie ’93 spent a couple of years at Columbia
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Class of 1996
Yvonne Lee reports that after graduation, she
practised for five years but has recently decided
that she wants a different perspective of corporate
law and commercial concerns. Hence, she joined
Temasek Holdings in February 2001 and is now
guarding our nation’s crown jewels. From New
York City comes a note from Nicholas Song, who
reports that he’s having a grand time in
Manhattan. After practising at Rajah & Tann for a
year as a litigation associate, Nick attended New
York University’s School of Law on the prestigious
Hauser Global Scholarship. Following admission
to practise in New York in 2000, Nick is now with the
New York office of Vinson & Elkins LLP. His work
focuses mainly on project finance and structured
finance. Nick feels that his years in NYC have been
an incredible, indelible experience. Nick simply
loves New York – “its countless restaurants, its
broad spectrum of the performing arts, its myriad
museums and galleries, its shopping, its
neighbourhoods, and the international nature of all
of the above.” The tragedy of 11th September has
been a sober and sombre experience, but in Nick’s
eyes, the resilience, patriotism and spontaneous
generosity of the American people in the
immediate aftermath have been both inspirational
and moving. Nick’s NYU apartment had a perfect
view of the WTC twin towers, a view which he
loved to wake up to every morning and to gaze
upon every sunset. Nick adds: “I still cannot believe
that the view is now forever erased. The city is
recovering and the streets, shops and restaurants
are getting filled up again. I would encourage y’all
to visit. I have played host to several classmates
since my arrival in New York, and I would be happy
to do so again. But come soon, as I plan to return
to Singapore to work in the V&E Singapore office
in a year’s time! You can contact me either at
songeukwan@velaw.com or msong@velaw.com.”

Class of 1997
Somewhat inspired by someone’s statement that
only imaginative justice, that is, love that begins by
espousing the rights of the other than self, can
achieve a modicum of fairness, Tan Seow Hon left
for Harvard in mid-2001 on study leave from the
Faculty and is now working hard on a dissertation
on reciprocal justice. Christopher Ong is a Deputy
Public Prosecutor and absolutely loves his job – he
says it’s the only one allowing him to have the
thrust and parry of debating, something which he
relished as a student debater. Meanwhile, someone
from the class has unfortunately ended up in
prison since leaving practice more than two years
ago. Fear not though, Leow Theng Huat has not
committed any crime – it’s just that he’s working in
the Prisons Department as a civilian officer doing research and planning. Phew. Meanwhile, Clara Tan Mui Tze (clara.tan@lawgram.com) writes from the City of London to inform us that she recently relocated to the U.K. while she has joined the Shipping and International Trade team in Lawrence Graham, a solicitors’ firm in London. Prior to this, she had spent six months as a pupil at 20 Essex Street, the Chambers of Iain Milligan Q.C., where she obtained first-rate experience in shipping and international trade litigation and advisory work. Mui Tze expresses thanks to the lecturers and tutors who taught Conflicts of Law, Shipping, Admiralty and Insurance, subjects which she finds important for her practice. After a stint at criminal and matrimonial litigation (perks included two hospital stays, apparently), Brenton Wu is chilling out as an in-house lawyer preferring to deal with inanimate objects (like aircraft) for a change. Brenton says he is still happily married to his job and traipsing across the world on business trips. After practicing for two years, Lim Bee Hong left the profession for “greener pastures” in the supposedly glamorous world of public relations. Married to Danny Leong ’96, yet another ex-lawyer, Bee Hong is currently a legal headhunter, focusing on clientele in Singapore, Hong Kong and Greater China. Most recently, she has been a Firewalker, having walked over hot coals at the Tony Robbins “Unleash The Power Within” seminar. We’ve also heard from Aaron Lee, who left legal practice in 1998 to join the legal department of an aviation company where, to his dismay, he found the working hours similarly gruesome. To flee his troubles, he has taken up long-distance running and will participate in his fourth marathon this year. Some exciting news on Toh Ai Leen, who left practice for in-house work after 3 months of being a glorified secretary (seems like the whole legal profession has left the profession). Ai Leen is currently working in the depths of Bukit Timah, where being cooped up there for the last year has made her long for the crowds of Shenton Way (horrors!). Oh yes, Ai Leen’s been taking lomo shots to add variety and sparkle to her life (for those of you uninitiated ones, no, lomo shots aren’t something you inject into the body).

Class of 1999

Francine Law and Adrian Yeo ’00 were married recently. Francine is with Allen & Gledhill while Adrian is a Justices’ Law Clerk at the Supreme Court. Disa Sim is teaching full-time at the Law School and is apparently earning a fearsome reputation among her Contracts students. Some news from Loh Chin-Ee, class president in the final year, if classmates recall. After being called to the Singapore Bar in May 1999, Chin-Ee joined the National Institute of Education (NIE) in July of that year to train as a teacher. Following her NIE graduation in May 2000, Chin-Ee undertook the challenge to guide and instruct talented students under the Gifted Education Programme at Raffles Girls Secondary. She now teaches English language and literature, and so has been reading lots more than legal texts! Chin-Ee’s also been interested in poetry as a channel for self-discovery. She is currently studying Ranier Maria Rilke’s “Letters to a Young Poet”, “Captain Corelli’s Mandolin” by Louis De Bernieres and “The End of Education” by Neil Postman. True to her teacher’s role, she advises and recommends a good dose of books and movies for the general well-being of the soul. From one who has left the legal profession to one who has re-entered it - Lee Lyn reports that she joined the corporate department of Allen & Gledhill after completing her LL.M programme at King’s College London. While in London, Lyn stayed at the International Hall where, along her “all-girls” corridor, she got to interact with students from many different countries including China, Norway, Germany, Slovakia, Sweden and Thailand. She also enjoyed the rich and diverse cultural events in London, attending plays and musicals at less than half the usual price on student passes. We also heard from Johan Wong, who is presently with the Singapore branch of Thomas Cooper & Stibbard, an English firm. He spent 10 months in London working on two commodities arbitrations and just returned in August of this year. He currently practises shipping law. Also from Singapore, Gary Wan reports that he is presently working in the Corporate Department of Drew & Napier. He got married to Grace Lau in July 2000 and the Wans are now the proud parents of a bouncing baby girl, Shaena Yoke Chun. Meanwhile, Cheng Pei Feng is presently in New York University on a Singapore Academy of Law Scholarship. She is pursuing an LL.M Program in Trade Regulation, which encompasses Antitrust, International Trade and Intellectual Property.

Class of 2000

Adeline Tan sends her greetings from the windy city of Chicago where she is currently pursuing her LL.M at the University of Chicago. She is enjoying herself with her course which focuses primarily on corporate, commercial and securities law. She feels that her classes are very interesting and that she is currently challenged to think creatively out of the box and view legal problems and doctrines from many perspectives. Apart from that, it’s real cold in the Windy City as winter approaches!

Class of 2001

The entire newest graduating class is, true to synchronised legal convention (to use the words of Cheng Shing Chow), attending the Practice Law Course en bloc and returning to pupillage thereafter. We wish them good luck, and hope to hear news from individuals later.

News from our Exchange Alumni

Vincent de Grandpré EXC ’95 writes from New York City where he reports that he is having a fruitful but busy life as a litigation associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett. Sandra Nishikawa EXC ’96 is a litigation associate at the New York office of Shearman & Sterling. According to Vincent, Sandra had the mixed blessing of marrying one Vincent de Grandpré in October 2000. Vincent goes on to report on the whereabouts of our Canadian alumni and friends – Marian Tremblay EXC ’94 is in-house counsel and special assistant to the President of Nurun, Inc., an agency providing strategic consulting and marketing services, both on- and off-line. He is based in Montreal. Also in Montreal are Adam Atlas EXC ’96 (see Letter from Abroad) and Laurence Delétire EXC ’96. Laurence is a corporate law associate at Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP, a pre-eminent Canadian law firm. Over in Toronto, Graham McLeod EXC ’96 is a business law associate at Blakes Cassels & Graydon LLP. Graham travels the world and has a dog, Sophie, who does not bark.

We hope to hear from all our alumni, particularly our senior classes and exchange and postgraduate alumni – email us at lawlink@nus.edu.sg

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